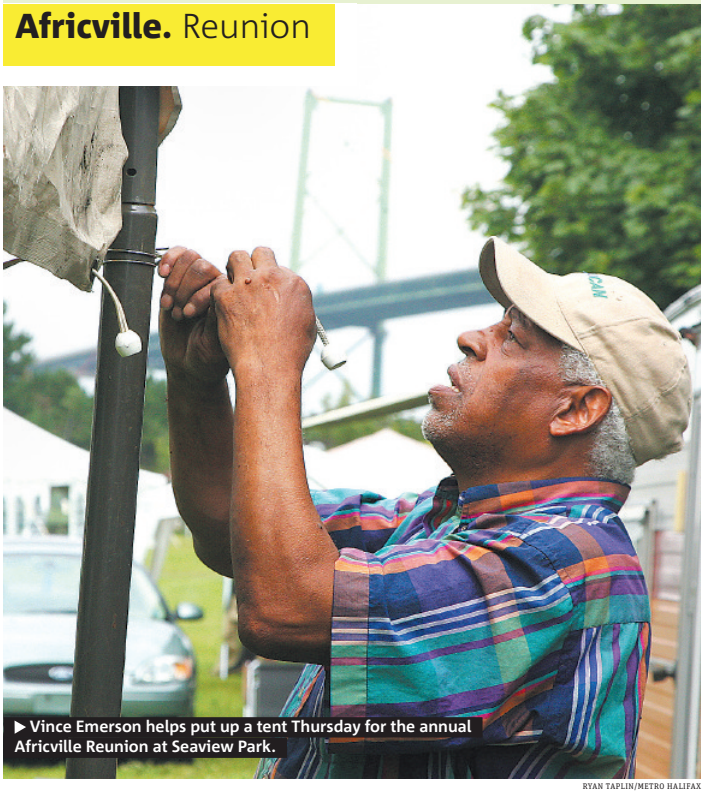
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Africville. Reunion



▶ Vince Emerson helps put up a tent Thursday for the annual Africville Reunion at Seaview Park.

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History of Africville remembered

The three-day reunion and picnic kicks off Friday night with a barbecue and dance. More coverage, page 4

Bodnarchuk's Boston dream

Defenceman in mix to crack Bruins' lineup {page 30}

Dinner for Schmucks

Film role a no-brainer for actor Paul Rudd {page 15}

Emissions cap to hold for 4 years

- Mercury standards to remain till 2014
- N.S. 'still ahead of the curve' compared to other provinces: Dexter
- No word on how much in savings for ratepayers



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The province will relax air quality regulations in an attempt to reduce looming Nova Scotia Power rate hikes.

Premier Darrell Dexter announced Thursday that the 2010 mercury emissions cap of 65 kilograms/year will be pushed back to 2014 — a move that will allow NSPI to burn cheaper, dirtier coal for four more years.

NSPI will appear before the province's energy regulator this fall to ask for a rate increase — 12 per cent for residential ratepayers and 18 per cent for industrial consumers. NSPI spokesman Dave Rodenhiser said Thursday's announcement will reduce that request.

"To the degree that we can, we want to do what we can to reduce that burden," said Dexter.

Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks, however, said the government did not consult NSPI as to how much the change would save ratepayers.

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"The reality here is that this is not a prudent decision before all the facts are in place ... to make it now is simply caving to the demands of Nova Scotia Power with no proven benefit of any kind to any Nova Scotian."
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Southern islands to be protected

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust says it will permanently protect two islands off the province's south shore.

Great Island and Selig Islands are located in Medway Harbour, halfway between Lunenburg and Shelburne.

The trust's executive director, Bonnie Sutherland, says very little wild coastline remains in Nova Scotia, especially along undeveloped islands.

The islands were owned by Bill Zimmerman and Susan Hauer, who sold the smaller island to the trust in 2009.

This week, the couple signed a conservation agreement over Great Island.

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120 At 120 hectares, Great Island is the largest island ever protected from development off mainland Nova Scotia.

19-year-old charged over indecent act

Police in Halifax arrested a young man in connection with an indecent act at a playground.

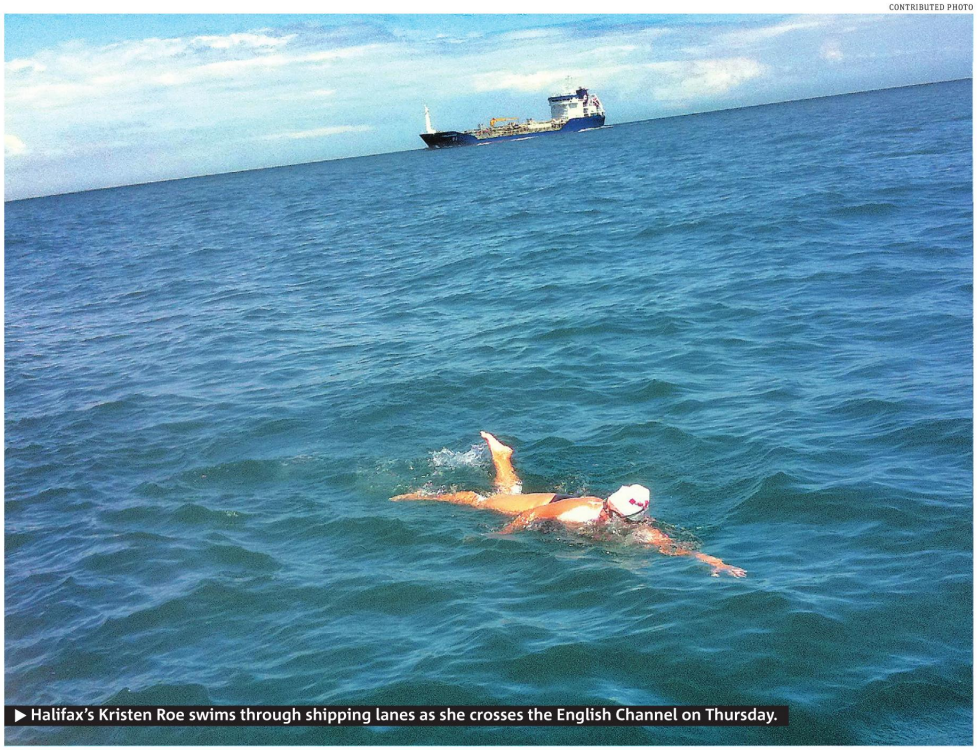
A woman was at the playground with small children Tuesday when a man parked his car nearby. Police say the man asked the woman to come over to the car and when she did, she saw that he was masturbating. The children did not see what he was doing.

The woman made note of the licence plate and called police.

Police say a 19-year-old Halifax man is facing an indecent exhibition charge.

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▶ Halifax's Kristen Roe swims through shipping lanes as she crosses the English Channel on Thursday.

Changing the Channel

- Halifax swimmer the first-ever Nova Scotian to cross English Channel
- Roe successfully swam from PEI to New Brunswick and back in 2008

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Some people find changing the TV channel to be enough exercise for one day.

But others, like Halifax's Kristin Roe, instead chose to swim across the English Channel in the hopes of raising $100,000 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Nova Scotia Gambia Association.

"The swim itself is amazing, but for us as an organization it's amazing how passionate she is for the causes, to highlight the work of our organizations to fight against HIV and AIDS," said Andrea Macdonald, executive director of the Nova Scotia Gambia Association.

Roe had been aiming to finish the 34-kilometre swim in about 15 hours, but completed it in about 17 hours.

Water temperatures during the swim hovered around 16 C and seas were moderate with whitecaps.

Although exhausted, Roe was reported to be in good condition afterwards. WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Watery Everest

- The swim runs from Dover, England to Calais, France.
- It is considered to be the swimming equivalent of climbing Mount Everest.
- You can donate to the cause at www.channelinghope.com.

Charges laid in jail attack on Melvin Jr.

The Halifax Regional Police have laid two charges related to the July 1 attack on crime figure Jimmy Melvin, Jr.

Adam Joseph Leblanc, 21, was charged Thursday with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon after allegedly slashing Melvin's face in the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility on Canada Day.

Leblanc had been jailed since November 2009 for failure to attend trial and assault causing bodily harm, and then further remanded on five firearm charges and one charge of drug trafficking.

A police spokesman would not speculate on whether the incident was gang-related, but added that both men were uncooperative with the investigation. ADRIAN LEE

Scene

- The attack reportedly took place in a common area in the centre's north unit.

AUTO INSURANCE

Hearing to be held on cap's effect

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board will hold a hearing in the fall on the effect, if any, a cap on minor injury payouts has had on the province's auto insurance industry.

The province brought in a $2,500 cap on minor injuries in 2003 to help insurance companies reduce soaring premiums.

Victims of car crashes have argued in court cases that the limit was too low to compensate for the pain and suffering they went through from injuries suffered in crashes. The NDP introduced changes last spring that tripled the limits for pain and suffering insurance payouts to $7,500.

The hearing will be held Sept. 30 at Summit Place in Halifax. Anyone interested in presenting evidence should notify the board no later than Sept. 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Classified adds local flavour to Halifax Rocks

Diverse group of local bands dominate bill for music event Show starts in afternoon and wraps at night with Weezer and Black Eyed Peas

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▶ Classified leads fans through the Granville Mall during a video shoot for his song Oh...Canada earlier this year. Classified will open for Weezer and the Black Eyed Peas at the Halifax Rocks show this Saturday.

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Classified, a.k.a. Luke Boyd, has come a long way in 11 years, but some things haven't changed.

"The first time I've ever seen someone rap back my lyrics, that was just a crazy feeling," he said yesterday just hours after his wife, Kim, gave birth to his second daughter. "I still get the same feeling when that first beat kicks in and I know it's my cue to walk out."

"It's going to be a long day, I'll try and take it a little slow at first. But I'm figuring by about 2 o'clock at night I'll be pretty dirty."
CLASSIFIED

Enfield's own Classified said his hour-long set will be a mix of old and new. He said it's a good contrast to playing high-profile shows like the Juno Awards and the Much Music Video Awards that only allow for one song performances.

"It gives me a whole energy that makes me feel young again," said the 32-year-old, who will share a party bus with 40 of his friends to the concert.

Saturday's lineup is jammed packed with local names including Chad Hatcher, the Jimmy Swift Band and Rich Aucoin.

John Landry of the Stanfields, another Halifax-based band on the bill, said the boys have never played a gig this gigantic.

"It's going to be a pretty cool day, definitely not business as usual," said Landry, who joked about drinking Crystal with Fergie at the after-party. "We're pretty excited to play the big stage."

What's on

Saturday's revised lineup for the Halifax Common

▶ "B" Stage
2:00 p.m. Chad Hatcher
2:50 p.m. The Stanfields
3:30 p.m. Jimmy Swift Band
4:20 p.m. Rich Aucoin

▶ Main Stage
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AROUND TOWN

Africville reunion this weekend

Tyrone Stewart recalls being a small boy collecting periwinkles from the shoreline of the area once occupied by his ancestors.

Stewart, 32, returns to Seaview Park every year for the annual Africville reunion. He said it's important to continue educating today's children about the history of Africville.

"The kids don't understand until they get older," he said. "This used to be our home ... we could have done a lot with this."

Coleman Howe describes the reunion as "one big, big picnic."

"The most important thing is that we socialize and get to meet people that may have been away from years," he said.

ALY THOMSON

Reunion spawned book

Eddie Carvey struggled with drugs and alcohol, slept frozen to his bed and was a resident of Africville when bulldozers charged into the area during the 1960s.

Jon Tattrie, a local writer, caught a glimpse of Carvey's amazing story after speaking with him at the 2009 Africville reunion.

One year later, Tattrie is launching The Hermit of Africville, a tell-all biography of the 63-year-old man and his 40 year protest.

"He's really a kind and open man."
JOHN TATTRIE, AUTHOR OF THE HERMIT OF AFRICVILLE

Tattrie, who will launch the book on Saturday at this year's reunion, said he wanted to see Africville "through his eyes" and hopes his book will bring to light the history of Africville and its importance to Canadian history.

ALY THOMSON

News in brief

Dyke March planned for Friday

DEMONSTRATION. Halifax hosts its first ever Dyke March on Friday. Queer women, transgendered people, and supporters are set to hold a rally at Victoria Park at 6:30 p.m. According to organizers, the march has an explicitly political intent — to protest oppression and to celebrate diversity. Following the rally will be a march throughout downtown Halifax, finishing up on Gottingen Street.

ALEX BOUTILIER

Minister defers to board

SCHOOLS. Education Minister Marilyn Moore said she respects the Halifax Regional School Board's decision to reinstate Ken Fells as the principal of Graham Creighton Junior High. The HRSB announced on Wednesday that the embattled principal would resume his post after a March 3 altercation with a 14-year-old student.

ALEX BOUTILIER

Corrections staff 'aware'

PRISONS. Justice Minister Ross Landry said Thursday staff at the Burnside correctional facility are more "aware" about their inmates after a slew of high-profile incidents since April. "I'm very satisfied as to where we're at right now," said Landry. Landry did not go into specifics on results of a recent probe into the handling of a July 1 brawl that left infamous crime figure Jimmy Melvin Jr. with a stab wound to his face.

ALEX BOUTILIER

Drug bust in Antigonish

CRIME. RCMP officers seized about 60 pounds of hash oil from a house and garage in Antigonish yesterday. Charges are pending against a man who was arrested at the scene.

METRO HALIFAX

Local music fan jacked up to see Weezer play in his own back yard

As long as Zan Clark-Gallant has listened to music, he's listened to Weezer.

He never dreamt he would one day rock-out to a live performance by the four-piece band, let alone in his own backyard.

"Paul McCartney came, KISS came, I never thought Weezer would come," said Clark-Gallant, who hit the box office moments after tickets went on sale.

Clark-Gallant predicts he will feel "white bliss" the moment Rivers Cuomo steps on stage.

"I'm going to make a whole radius of dance, and just generally freak out," he said, adding he's most excited to see My Name is Jonas, track one of the band's debut album.

ALY THOMSON

"I can't believe I actually get to see them in my hometown ... where I live."
ZAN CLARK-GALLANT, WEEZER FAN

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▶ Teams of four paddle tuna flat boats in Hubbards Cove for the annual race. On Saturday several teams, some in costume, will take to the water starting at noon.

Tuna flat racing not Olympic, but still fun

Heavy boats are rowed by teams of four Onshore activities include beer garden, entertainment



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Like the pumpkin regatta in Windsor, the tuna flat race in Hubbards is far from an Olympic sport, but it's a lot of fun.

On Saturday, teams will start from a buoy in Hubbards Cove and row hard for shore, and for glory.

Susan Ross said it's addictive.

"I bought my own tuna flat this year because I love it so much."

Since they started five years ago, her team doesn't win very often but it creams the competition for best costume.

"We rely on that," she said.

"We do that just for fun and it gets everyone in a good mood."

In previous years the women have dressed as KISS, Captain Hooker and the Oars, and Chicks Ahoy.

Race facts

- Tuna flats are large green boats which are towed behind fishing boats and found only in St. Margaret's Bay, according to race organizers.
- Heats start at noon at Hubbards Cove.
- Course is a quarter mile for teams of four.
- There are categories for men, women and mixed.

"It's not hard at all. The hard part is to manoeuvre with the other boats around you and not go off course."
SUSAN ROSS

GULF OIL SPILL

Local economist offers services

A Halifax economist is heading from the east coast to the oily Louisiana coast to help advise a team working on the Deepwater Horizon spill.

"It seemed like the right thing to do, and hopefully we'll be able to, as a team, diagnose what the challenges are," said Fred Morley, the executive vice-president and chief economist of the Greater Halifax Partnership.

He and a team of International Economic Development Council staff members will head down on Saturday to Lafourche Parish, a place connected to the oil industry and fisheries.

Morley expects his expertise with the Atlantic fisheries will be of help to a group that has also assisted in places hit by hurricane Katrina.

ADRIAN LEE

Car goes off wharf, boy unharmed

Police in Cape Breton say a boy in a car was unharmed after he sent the vehicle off a wharf and into the water in Mira Gut.

Police say the 10-year-old's misadventure began when he put the small car into drive.

The mishap occurred near the supper hour on Wednesday.

A police dive team helped in getting the vehicle out of the water.

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Man on souped-up drink cooler fights ticket

LAW. A Cape Breton man is fighting a ticket he received after being caught chugging along a sidewalk on a souped-up drink cooler. Neil Rideout of New Waterford was fined $222 under Nova Scotia's Motor Vehicle Act last July for driving his motorized red cooler on a sidewalk.
But the 42-year-old says he only took his cooler for a spin on the sidewalk at the suggestion of police, who told him he couldn't ride the four-wheel contraption on the street. Rideout says he believes he's being discriminated against and plans to fight the ticket at a trial scheduled for Feb. 2 in provincial court. Desiree Vassallo, a spokeswoman for the Cape Breton Regional Police Service, says the only motorized vehicles permitted on a sidewalk are wheelchairs and scooters.
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Crack found on teen, now faces drug charges

CRIME. A 19-year old is facing trafficking charges after an early morning bust in Dartmouth on Thursday. Just before 1:30 a.m., Halifax Regional Police made an arrest on Nivens Avenue after receiving reports of possible drug activity. An undisclosed quantity of crack cocaine was found on the man.
Stephan Demann Johnson of North Preston appeared in Dartmouth Provincial Court Thursday to face one charge of drug trafficking. ALEX BOUTILIER

Wheelchairs won't be turning during MS bicycle tour

Team set to use wheelchairs in bike tour not allowed to race Issue exposes inaccessiblity of province: Member

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▶ Three of the Four Wheelers pose for a picture in the wheelchairs they will take to the streets of Halifax and Dartmouth to raise money for the MS Society.

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Cale Wadden's inspiration to partake in the MS Bike Tour came from one of his wheelchair-bound clients living with multiple sclerosis.

Wadden, an occupational therapist, and three of his friends decided to tackle the tour in wheelchairs.

But they came to a major roadblock: By law, the "Four Wheelers" are not allowed to wheel down roads without sidewalks.

"How are you supposed to increase independence ... if policies are holding you back?" said Wadden.

"I'm just trying to do something good and raise some funding. I want to make people's lives easier."
CALE WADDEN, MEMBER OF THE FOUR WHEELERS

The team was prepared to hit the road as a third party and abide by pedestrian laws, keeping to the left-hand side of the road. But the MS Society could not accept the $2,500 the Four Wheelers has raised if they were conducting an "unsafe race," said the Society's director of development.

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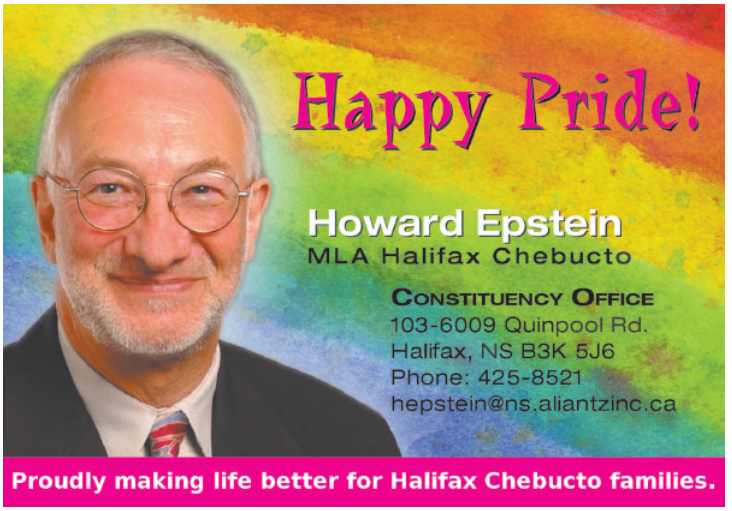
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News in brief



Black heads for Windy City

PALM BEACH, Fla. Conrad Black's legal odyssey was was in high gear Thursday as he left the mansion where he spent the night.

He was presumably on his way to Chicago for a vital court appearance.

Black, above, was spotted in a black SUV as it exited the gates where the media had been holding vigil since he arrived after more than two years in a Florida prison.

Black's wife, Barbara Amiel, was in the SUV with him.

Black was to appear Friday before Judge Amy St. Eve — the same judge who convicted him in 2007 on fraud and obstruction of justice charges. He was granted bail this week.

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Port lockout set to end

MONTREAL. A lockout at the Port of Montreal is set to end Saturday morning, officials announced late Thursday. The suspension of operations was brought to a close by an agreement between management and workers. The longshoremen were locked out Monday by their employers over pressure tactics used in their contract dispute.

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Bear no longer in a pickle?

TORONTO. Officials believe a bear with its head stuck in a pickle jar may have freed itself. A canoeist spotted an empty plastic jar with fur in it near Lake Superior, Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Race-based hiring must go, say Tories

Harper team to review public service employment practices ▶ 'We want to ensure no Canadian is barred'

The Harper government says race and ethnicity should not apply when it comes to landing a job in the public service.

The federal Conservatives have ordered a review of government hiring practices that currently give priority to qualified applicants from minority groups.

The Tories say favouring applicants from one group or another isn't fair.

"To say that you cannot apply for a job in your government, which is funded by your tax dollars, because you're not from an approved racial or ethnic category, it just seems inappropriate on so many levels," Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Thursday.

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▶ Stockwell Day says race shouldn't be a bar to hiring.

Treasury Board president Stockwell Day said no Canadian should be barred from a federal job because of race or ethnicity.

"While we support diversity in the public service, we want to ensure that no Canadian is barred from opportunities in the public service based on race or ethnicity," Day said.

But New Democrat MP Pat Martin called the move a "full-frontal attack on affirmative action."

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- **The latest figures:** More women, aboriginals and visible minorities worked in the public service last year than the year before.
- **As of March 2009:** Women made up 54.7 per cent of the federal workforce, aboriginals made up 4.5 per cent, people with disabilities made up 5.9 per cent and visible minorities made up 9.8 per cent.
- **An opposing view:** The Public Service Alliance of Canada says of 5,000 jobs posted in 2008 only 91 jobs were designated for one group.

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Kosovo a legal state: UN

Nation seceded from Serbia in '08, following bloody war 10 years earlier

The United Nations' highest court ruled Thursday that Kosovo's declaration of independence was legal, dealing a blow to Serbia, which vowed never to accept its former province as a separate state and warned the ruling could embolden separatist movements around the world.

Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci hailed the ruling as a "historic victory" and "the best possible answer for the entire world," while Foreign Minister Skender Hyseni said "my message to the government of Serbia is 'Come and talk to us.'"

A tiny patch of the Balkans with a population of two million, Kosovo declared independence in February 2008 after years of fruitless talks with Belgrade about separating.

Serbia's ultranationalist Radical Party said the court "gravely violated" international law and called on the government to demand an urgent session of the UN Security Council to end the EU peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.

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"Difficult times are ahead ... but it is crucial that our people don't react to any possible provocations."
SERBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VUK JEREMIC

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▶Kosovo Foreign Minister Skender Hyseni

King. Pin



▶The Japanese find a cool way to bowl.

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Chillin' out in Toyko

Masahiro Uemura bowls with pins and ball made of ice during an ice bowling event in Tokyo, Thursday.

China's oil spill cleanup continues

1,500 tons of oil was estimated to have leaked from the pipeline as reported by China Central Television.

China and environmental observers said cleanup efforts on the country's largest reported oil spill were progressing Thursday, but the environmental and economic damage was not clear.

The cleanup was marred by the drowning of a worker this week — his body coated in crude — continued over a 430 square kilometre stretch of the Yellow Sea off the northeastern city of Dalian, one of China's major ports and strategic oil reserve sites.

China National Petroleum Corp. said Thursday that the pipeline that exploded and caused the oil spill last Friday had resumed operations. The blast had reduced oil shipments from part of China's strategic oil reserves to the rest of the country. The cause of the explosion that started the spill was still not clear.

Greenpeace China said in a statement that Dalian's seafood farming and tourism industries have taken critical hits.

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▶ Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney.

Recovery is stalling

Employment up, but not incomes • Predicts dollar will stay lower • Debt crisis in Europe, slowdown in China partly to blame

Canada's economy is slowing much faster than previously expected, the Bank of Canada said yesterday in a bleak outlook that stresses mounting risks from Europe's debt crisis and a possible global stall.

Still, the bank said it does not expect to backtrack on its current trend to higher interest rates. Bank of Canada's key rate has risen half a point since early June.

Canada's economy is already in the midst of a sharp pullback compared with the strong 6.1 per cent acceleration that occurred in the first three months of 2010, the bank says.

It estimates the just-ended second-quarter growth will come in at three per cent, almost a full percentage point below the bank's April forecast.

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I am driving my car. I turn right … congestion. Road repairs — one lane closed. No problem, I know a detour. Turning left ... jammed again. Bridge repair — two lanes closed. Now, I'm starting to get cranky. Then a road sign makes it all better: The $12 million to fix the bridge will "stimulate the economy." And create 32.6 jobs!

Only problem: it's not true.

Whether you're driving in Montreal, Toronto or Vancouver, it's the same. Construction sites ravage the streets. This year alone, governments will spend almost $10 billion in infrastructure stimulus funding — about $550 per Canadian taxpayer.

True, in parts of the country bridges are cracking and roads are filled with potholes. When we need to wear hockey helmets to drive to work, these collective investments make sense. But stop saying it will boost the economy.

How could these projects absorb the coming masses of unemployed? A former McDonald's manager cannot turn into a cement layer overnight. What if most of the laid-off workers come from the service sector? Will a former accountant go level the roadbed of the QEW in Ontario? I hope not.

Also, there is no such thing as a free lunch. Every dollar the government spends must be taken from your pockets at some point. If a bridge costs a million dollars, you and I have a million less to spend (for buying a bike or a car, eating at a restaurant, etc.). Every job created by the new bridge destroys another job elsewhere in the economy.

Truth is: Instead of regularly investing in bridge and road maintenance, our governments chose over the years to spend the money elsewhere.The result of this neglect: This summer, the country will be overrun by construction sites.

We all want nice roads and bridges. But stop taking people for idiots. A bridge is not a recovery plan. It's a bridge.

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Rich Aucoin

5 MINUTES WITH: RICH AUCOIN

Rich Aucoin, 26, is a mainstay of the Halifax music scene, having grown up here. On Sunday, he and his catchy pop hooks open for the Black Eyed Peas on the Halifax Commons.

For someone who's never seen a Rich Aucoin show, how would you describe it?

Like an eight-year-old's birthday party with booze.

How has living in Halifax influenced your music?

Since it's a smaller music community but a really strong one, everyone overlaps each genre and scene. It's really cool here because it doesn't happen in places like Toronto — the indie rock crowd doesn't roll with the folk crowd, or the punks. There's a lot more crossover here.

"It's where I used to play soccer, so it's going to be fun being in the same spot. I'm really looking forward to playing a big show like that."

You took your first record Personal Publication on tour by going across Canada, raising money for cancer research.

I made it across the country, raised a few thousand dollars of donations. There was another guy who did a bike for cancer, too — not a musician — and I described him as the Goliath. He had a big van behind him with support and corporate sponsors, and I was there with my trumpet and my trailer full of keyboards.

What does playing the Halifax Rocks Concert mean to you?

It's where I used to play soccer, so it's going to be fun being in the same spot. I'm really looking forward to playing a big show like that. And I grew up a big fan of Weezer, so I'm really looking forward to shouting out "Say It Ain't So" really loud.

Aucoin's next EP, Public Publication, comes out Sept. 4.

ADRIAN LEE

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Hip to summer tunes

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What song is the soundtrack of your summer?

TORONTO. Without a doubt it has to be Bobcaygeon by The Tragically Hip. It's the kind of mellow escape that reminds me of summer, even in the worst winters.

It's the kind of song you take camping with you. It can be the soundtrack to every summer. You don't get songs more Canadian than that.
DEVIN GIBBONS

We asked: You win $2,500: How would you spend it?

TORONTO. With $2,500 I would probably return a portion to my mom, who loaned us some money recently, and treat my husband and I to a week at a cottage or mini getaway.

Even a night out in Toronto with dinner and accommodations would be great.
JUAN (JOANNE) COX

TORONTO. If I won $2,500 I would give it all to my sister so she can complete her private pilot's licence training.
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Metro Minute with Friends of Keji

The forests in Kejimkujik National Park are so beautiful you could swear they sing.

Starting Saturday, and continuing every other Saturday, singers from the East Coast will be performing as part of the 2010 Friends of Keji concert series.

The free shows celebrate Parks Canada's 125th anniversary of the founding of the first national park. Visitors can also learn about the history of the Mi'kmaq, and see the stars in one of the darkest places on the continent, just two hours away from Halifax.

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Harbourview Weekend Market to kick off 1st Anniversary Celebrations

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This weekend marks the 1st Year Anniversary of the Harbourview Weekend Market. We would like to extend a warm thank-you to all of our loyal merchants and customers who have made Harbourview's first year a successful one. If you have never visited Harbourview, here are the top 10 things you should know:

1 Harbourview is located in Downtown Dartmouth at 42 Canal St. in the newly painted, former Value Village building. Only a 10 minute walk from the Alderney Ferry Terminal along the Shubie Canal Trail, you can't miss Harbourview or its wrap around mural of Dartmouth.

2 Harbourview is an Everything Market. New, used, handmade, manufactured locally or abroad, and edible, Harbourview is the only market in Metro that does not place restrictions on its merchants or the products they sell. This makes Harbourview the market with the most product choice and variety.

3 Harbourview provides residents of Downtown Dartmouth and South Woodside with a close and economical place to shop for fresh and frozen groceries. Since the closure of the neighborhood's only grocery store in 2009, many residents require a car to purchase their food. Harbourview fills that void with a section of its market dedicated to competitively priced products sold by local food wholesalers.

4 When you shop at Harbourview you are directly contributing to the local economy. With the majority of Harbourview merchants being entrepeneurs, artists and small businesses, you can be sure that most of the dollars you spend at Harbourview will stay in your local community, and not shipped off to corporate headquarters in Toronto.

5 Harbourview has a food court serving breakfast, lunch and snacks to please a variety of tastebuds for great prices.

6 Among the businesses that Harbourview houses are: Book of Joe, Dartmouth's only cafe/bookstore serving fresh Java Blend Coffee and Mrs. P's Treats; Trail Blazer Outlet, Nova Scotia's only retail location for locally manufactured Trail Blazer tools and garden equipment; Third Eye Blind, the only location for Dartmouth's favorite game store formerly located on Portland St; and The Pillow People, Truro's favorite couple for hand-quilted and customized pillows.

7 Harbourview is a great Dartmouth meeting place and provides locals with a social venue to meet up, share a coffee, have a chat and shop together. Whether you arrange to meet-up with new friends, or happen to run into old ones - Harbourview is the happening place to be in Dartmouth.

8 Harbourview provides entrepreneurs with a venue to test-market their small business and service ideas. Some of Harbourview's merchants have gone on to open their own successful off-site locations, or have used the Harbourview as an anchor location for off-site business. With no lease requirements, and permanent, secure set-up, Harbourview is the perfect, no-strings-attached way to begin, expand or close-out your local business.

9 Harbourview has an amazing social networking community. You can find us on Facebook (facebook.com/harbourviewmarket), Twitter (twitter.com/hwmarket), Flickr (flickr.com/photos/hwmarket) and Foursquare (search Harbourview Market), in addition to our regularly updated website, www.harbourviewmarket.com and mobile website, m.harbourviewmarket.com

10 Harbourview is not like any other Weekend Market in HRM. Unless you've visited merchant markets elsewhere in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom, leave your expectations at home.

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▶ Steve Carell, left, and Paul Rudd re-unite for some more hilarity in Dinner for Schmucks.

Schmuck in middle of smart comedy

Once Dinner for Schmucks director Jay Roach showed him the funny, it was a 'no-brainer' for Rudd Film title's not controversial, Jewish star says



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For Paul Rudd, the decision to star in Jay Roach's new comedy, Dinner for Schmucks, was an easy one.

"I thought the script was really funny," he says. "That was it. It was kind of a no-brainer."

Of course Rudd, who's built an impressive resume of smart comedies including Anchorman and Role Models, was just as enamoured with the man behind the camera as he was with the screenplay.

"One of the things I think is amazing about Jay is how versatile he is," Rudd says of Roach. "He's done so many funny movies and then he goes and does a movie like Recount, where he's just such a smart guy. He has all of this talent, yet he's the most self-effacing guy."

In Dinner for Schmucks, Rudd stars as Tim, an overextended finance worker looking to impress his boss (Bruce Greenwood). He's given a chance to do just that when he's invited to an exclusive dinner where the attendees bring the biggest idiot they can find. The schmuck with the most hilarious talent wins a trophy. Despite his moral hesitations, Tim can't help but think it's fate when he runs into Barry, a naïve simpleton played by Steve Carell — another aspect that made the film an easy choice for Rudd.

Some might have hesitations about a movie with "schmuck" in the title, but Rudd, who is Jewish, brushes off any controversy.

"My grandfather used to call me a schmuck all the time," he says. "You know, it's like the word 'putz.' When I was growing up, I thought the word 'putz' was a really funny word — 'Don't be a putz!' So I always thought a putz was just an idiot, but then my dad told me, 'A putz is a penis.' What's up with so many words that mean penis in Yiddish?"

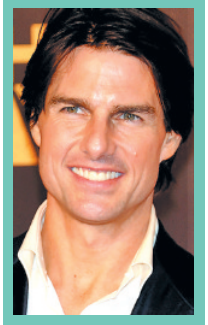
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Carell and his inner idiot

For Carell, getting in touch with his inner Schmuck was a blast. Used to playing bumbling on The Office, Carell even admits that he has some skills that could get him an invite to a real-life dinner for schmucks. "I play the baritone horn, so that could qualify me to get invited to one of these dinners," he says. "The baritone horn is like a mini tuba, and it's probably the least sexy instrument you could choose."

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Cold spies, hot thriller

Salt
Genre: Action/Thriller
Director: Phillip Noyce
Stars: Angelina Jolie
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Phillip Noyce's fast, gritty spy thriller Salt, starring Angelina Jolie as a CIA analyst suspected of being a Russian sleeper agent, could be flippantly called "Lady Bourne," and that wouldn't necessarily be an insult.

It shares the better aspects of the Matt Damon franchise's "spy out in the cold" DNA. At the same time, Salt feels retro — in the best possible sense of the word — thanks in large part to something audiences haven't seen in a while: Russian bad guys.

With a tight, well-plotted script, some fun twists and fantastic stunts and action sequences, it would easily be smart summer fun already. What elevates the movie, though, is the cast.

Jolie fits perfectly into the title role, harnessing a mix of toughness and vulnerability that's served her well in her dramatic work as well as her more gunplay-heavy roles.

Having the talented Liev Schreiber and Chiwetel Ejiofor to play off of as her CIA supervisor and a counterintelligence investigator, respectively, doesn't hurt either.

A bonus: Eagle-eyed viewers might recognize a certain free daily newspaper that Jolie puts to good use on a New York subway train. **NED ERHBAR**



The Kids Are All Right
Genre: Drama
Director: Lisa Cholodenko
Stars: Annette Bening
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Annette Bening is having quite a year, acting-wise. After turning in a brilliant and raw performance in the little-seen Mother and Child this spring, she nearly walks away with The Kids Are All Right as Nic, the breadwinner half of a well-to-do lesbian couple raising their two teenage children in Los Angeles. The only thing stopping her from stealing the show completely is the fact that she's up against Julianne Moore as her partner and Mark Ruffalo as the anonymous sperm donor brought into their lives by their children's curiosity.

This is a family like any other, with problems like any other. And when Ruffalo's variable is added to the equation, they miscommunicate and fumble emotionally just like any other family.

Ruffalo and Moore are in top form, and the kids are in fact all right. **NED EHRBAR**



Ramona and Beezus
Genre: Drama
Director: Elizabeth Allen
Stars: Joey King
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Beverly Cleary's childrens books about Ramona Quimby have been bedtime reading staples since the 1950s, yet oddly never made it to the big screen until now.

At times it's clear the story is from another era as characters display values, language, and behaviour that feel decades removed from contemporary reality.

Director Elizabeth Allen clearly wanted to retain the spirit of the books, but ends up with something out of date that feels closer to a sitcom than reality.

Fortunately, it's not a complete disaster. The talented child actors are perfectly cast and the movie deals with issues like unemployment in an uncommonly realistic manner for a children's movie. **PHIL BROWN**





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Now that School's out, Zac Efron gets serious

High School Musical heartthrob wants to graduate into more mature roles Star handles complex emotions, sailing in Charlie St. Cloud

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▶ Zac Efron stars in Charlie St. Cloud.

This could be upsetting news for some of his most avid fans but Zac Efron may be growing too old for his High School Musical ways.

"I love the audience that I've had thus far," admitted Efron recently in Los Angeles to promote his new fantasy drama, Charlie St. Cloud. "I feel like I can really talk with this generation and understand them and I want to make movies for them. But I think the best way to do that is not to do the same thing over and over again but to evolve with the audience."

For the young actor, that meant taking on the title role of Charlie — a young sailing prodigy who struggles to get past the accidental death of his younger brother. Based on a popular novel, the 22-year-old star admits it's definitely a move in a more serious direction.

"Everyone at some point in their life experiences loss," said Efron. "This is a story that comes from love and how even when someone moves on, a piece of them will always be alive inside your heart so it relates to everybody."

While playing a character that grieves in a unique way (he routinely meets the spirit of his sibling to toss a baseball around) may have proven emotionally challenging for the actor, Efron also had to learn to become an expert mariner — a pursuit that sounds much more gratifying.

"I never sailed before so I got the crash course," said Efron. "It was incredibly fun. Everyday we had a regimen — wake up, sail for six hours, come in sunburned and then sleep for the rest of the day."







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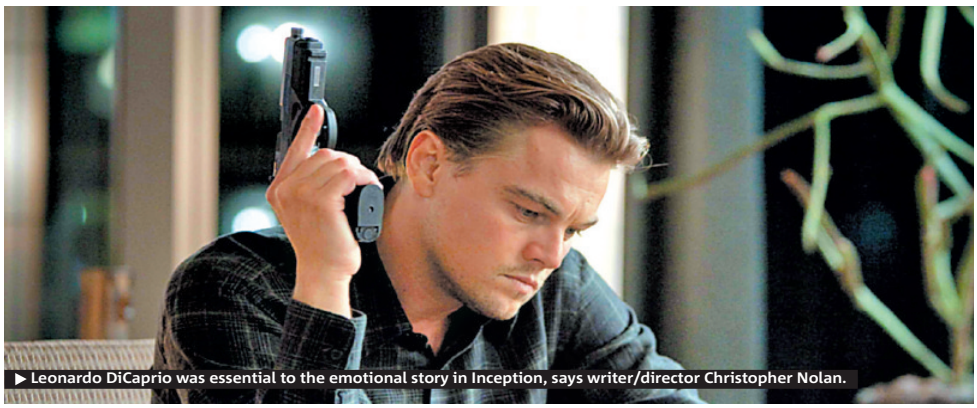
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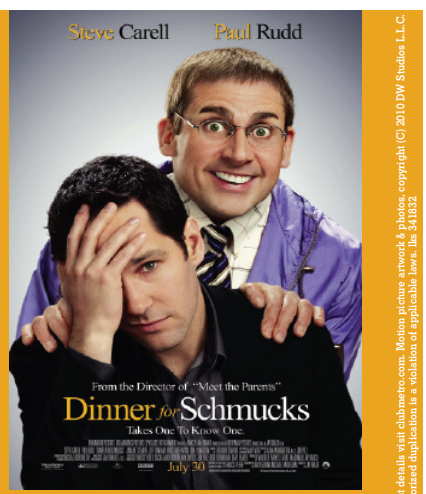
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TROUBLE WITH WEIRD SISTERS



The old song lyric "Two different faces, but in tight places, we think and we act as one" pretty much sums up the bond often shared by sisters.

No matter how close the connection —or how many sterling silver "sisters are a forever friend" catch bangle message bracelets are exchanged — there is bound to be some tension between sibs from time to time. Even the tagline for this weekend's kid comedy Ramona and Beezus — "A little sister goes a long way"— suggests some good natured conflict between the girls. Here's a look at other kinds of cinematic sibling rivalry.

Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?

If sisters are blossoms in the garden of life as one poet said, then Jane Hudson must be a poison ivy plant. Played to great creepy effect by Bette Davis — wearing an inch of thick pasty make-up —Jane was ranked #44 on the AFI's 50 Best Villains list. As she descends into madness she keeps her sister Blanche (Joan Crawford) captive and even tries to make her eat her pet parakeet for lunch. The movie is great campy fun but the behind-the-scenes stories are almost as psychotic as anything on screen. The aging divas couldn't stand one another and fought constantly. Davis "accidentally" kicked Crawford in the head, requiring stitches and Crawford weighted down her clothes for the scene where Jane has to drag Blanche causing Davis to suffer a muscular backache.

Sisters

Where would sister movies be without "the evil twin"? Sisters, Brian De Palma's ode to deviant sororal behaviour may well be the Citizen Kane of the genre. On one hand we have Danielle (Margot Kidder), a French/Canadian model and one half of a set of Siamese twins. Then there's the murderously mad Dominique (also Kidder), who fools her prey into thinking she is the demure Danielle before… well, going murderously mad on them.



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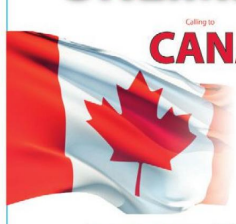
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Dark Night album finally sees light of day

Long-awaited Danger Mouse project carries heavy baggage Album delayed by legal issues and suicides of Mark Linkous and Vic Chesnutt

It's hard not to think of the long-awaited Dark Night of the Soul as a tragic album.

First delayed by legal wrangling, then indelibly marked by the suicides of co-creator Mark Linkous and contributor Vic Chesnutt, the album carried some heavy baggage when it finally came out last week.

Yet Brian Burton says he can separate the experience of listening to the album from the emotions he's left with since Linkous' death earlier this year. So when he hears his favourite cut, Revenge, and the way Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne lays down a heartbreaking vocal, the producer who works as Danger Mouse flashes to one of his happiest moments with his close friend.

"It's just a great song," Burton said. "There's just something about it. And it makes me think of Mark a lot in a heavy kind of way, but I don't get sad about it. I just remember the two of us, when we first heard

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▶ Danger Mouse

what Wayne did with it, us celebrating and everything. It was really great."

With it's dark themes and haunting beauty, the album already cast a melancholy spell. Years in the making, it was highly anticipated and marked some of the best work in the very different careers of the men created it.

Yet viewed through the prism of real-life events, the album takes on deeper meaning. Linkous, who recorded and performed as Sparklehorse, and Chesnutt were critically acclaimed singer-songwriters who were destined to get their widest exposure yet upon the release of Dark Night.

Chesnutt, who forged a heralded and unlikely career following a car crash that left him mostly paralyzed, killed himself on Christmas after years of depression that included other suicide attempts. Linkous also dealt with depression and shot himself in March.

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great depression

Burton said Linkous and Chesnutt examined the depths of their depression in their music, adding the kind of layers and complexity not often expected in pop music.

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SUMMER CONCERTS? FORGET ABOUT IT

As I trooped into a Rush concert last week, I ran across a sign that read "$10 TICKETS! NO SERVICE CHARGE!!! TONIGHT ONLY!!!" Sting tickets were being offered at $40 while $20 would get me in to either the Slayer/Megadeth or Disturbed/Stone Sour double bills. "It's come to that, huh?" remarked a guy next to me.

Yes, it has. With CD sales in an irreversible death spiral, performers are hoping to make up the difference in revenue from tours. But with so many acts playing so many shows at a time when the economy is sluggish, there's a glut of gigs.

It's been especially tough in the U.S. The landscape is littered with canceled shows (Eagles, Rihanna, Christina Aguilera, Jonas Brothers, American Idol's "Idols Live") and tours that have been postponed (U2 because of Bono's back bad, Limp Bizkit because nobody cared). Meanwhile, others — Lilith Fair has been in the news a lot — are limping along, discounting tickets and/offering enticements (Two-for-one! Free pizza!) to boost attendance.

And it's not just the economy. Fans are tired of high ticket prices, service charges (What the hell is a "convenience fee?"), overpriced VIP offerings and the nickel-and-diming that comes with the concert experience, like parking and concessions.

Fans are also frustrated by not being able to get good seats to see their favourite bands. No matter how fast they're on the phone or online when tickets sales start, they know that the best seats will somehow magically end up with resellers and scalpers. They're also confused by some of the new ticket pricing models being rolled out in some markets. Instead of the standard fixed price structure for a given show, ticket prices are being sold like airline tickets using yield management techniques. The price of any seat can fluctuate depending on demand and how close to the gig you're making the purchase. Your ticket may have been $100 but the dude next to you paid just $35.

Meanwhile, artists are visiting the same market two or more times on a given tour. How many times would you pay to see the same show?

It's not all bad. Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga and Rush have been doing all right. But the summer of 2010 is going to be one most industry people would rather forget.

Brasstronaut finds balance of space and sound

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Compared to the shuffling, acoustic sound of their debut EP, Brasstronaut's new album Mt. Chimaera is an album of techno-like precision.

The album came together during a winter artistic residency at the Banff Centre, where the band spent months stripping down layers of sound. Singer and keyboard player Edo Van Breemen explained the six-member group pruned what began as dense compositions, a challenging process much different than that used on 2008's Old World Lies.

"(Mt. Chimaera) took eight months to mix ... and became a very subtractive process. We had lots more overdubs on our initial recording, and it was hard to decide what to add and what to change," explained Van Breemen.

The resulting album reflects this meticulous approach to production — no surprise given Van Breeman's long-term interest in German techno. A careful balancing of sound and space recalls groups like Wilco or Spoon that focus on arrangements as much as individual instruments. Listen for the drop in Slow Knots leading to a keyboard and vocal-led breakdown and a rapid percussive burst. The elements may have emerged from the band's jam space, but they sound just as inspired from the dynamics of electronic music.



▶ Brasstronaut

"(In production, we used an) intense layering of sound — of swirling sounds and textures — and in that way, the album is a little like electronic music. We focused on adding and subtracting elements in a way that comes out like techno," said Van Breeman.

HALIFAX rocks 2010

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ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP

1:30 Gates Open

"B" STAGE

2:00 Chad Hatcher
2:50 The Stanfields
3:30 Jimmy Swift Band
4:20 Rich Aucoin

MAIN STAGE

4:50 Hot Hot Heat
5:50 Classified
7:20 Weezer
8:50 Black Eyed Peas

DO'S AND DONT'S

Halifax Rocks 2010 would like to remind concert goers of the following rules and regulations. The following items are NOT ALLOWED inside to ensure the safety of all in attendance:

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TV Picks

Secrets and Suspense

LIGHTS. On Friday Night Lights, Tami's job is on the line because of her relationship with pregnant Becky. Also, the Lions learn they'll soon have to face the Panthers, and star player Luke becomes desperate for pain killers for his secret hip problem. (Friday, Global, NBC)

Season finale

SCI-FI. In the season finale of the sci-fi drama Doctor Who, the title character is trapped in the Pandorica prison box and his TARDIS transporter has been destroyed. (Saturday, Space)

Cinema charm

DRAMA. Daniel Day-Lewis — who recently received an honorary degree from the University of Bristol — elicits chillsasa fiery California oil man in There Will Be Blood. Paul Thomas Anderson directs the drama, which is set in the early 20th century with a slow-burning beat and stunning landscapes. (Saturday, IFC)

Will they change their ways?

POOR HOUSE. On Scoundrels, the Wests suffer the consequences of their unpaid bills when their electricity is cut off. Still, they're determined not to go back to their scheming ways and vow to get legit jobs as soon as possible. (Sunday, CTV, ABC)

Change is in the air

4TH SEASON. Many changes are afoot on Mad Men as the slick series heads into its fourth season tonight. A promo hints to a new twist as suave Don Draper starts his own advertising agency amid upheaval. (Sunday, AMC)

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Striking the acting iron while it's hot

After the successful flick Away from Her, Gordon Pinsent stars in TV series The Pillars of the Earth, premiering Friday on The Movie Network

Veteran Canadian actor Gordon Pinsent says he was pleasantly surprised to be recognized by his more famous peers when he shot the upcoming eight-hour TV miniseries, The Pillars of the Earth, but laments not capitalizing on the buzz that surrounded his acclaimed 2006 film Away From Her by chasing Hollywood roles.

Pinsent, who plays the Archbishop of Canterbury in Pillars, says he missed an opportunity to take advantage of the critical success of Away From Her, which earned co-star Julie Christie a Golden Globe for best actress and writer/director Sarah Polley an Oscar nomination for best adapted screenplay.

"Good material is truly hard to find," says Pinsent, who arguably reached the pinnacle of his career with his acclaimed turn as a heartbroken husband in the Canadian indie film.

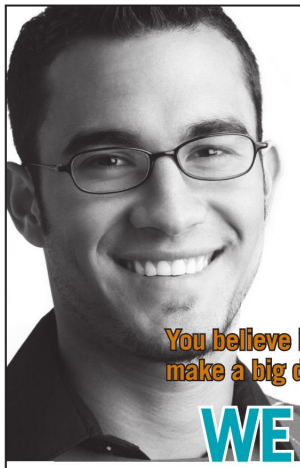
"Good material is hard to find. I haven't had anything since like that."
GORDON PINSENT

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The Newfoundland native, whose deep sonorous voice and dignified poise established him as a mainstay on Canadian stage and screen, wonders if his career would be different if he'd been more aggressive in the wake of global acclaim for the romantic drama.

"I didn't play the game very well," says Pinsent, who recently turned 80. "I should have gone down there and hung out and delivered papers or something, you know, to people. To set once and for all a reputation."

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Chris Isaak

Television
Unless this is some sort of Wicked Game, rumour has it that the folks at American Idol are reportedly considering Chris Isaak as a replacement for Simon Cowell for the 10th season of the hugely successful singing competition, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Insiders say Isaak has already met with producers twice, though no decision has been made. They are also reportedly considering Harry Connick Jr., who has appeared as a mentor on the program. And despite his lobbying for the position in the press, Poison frontman Bret Michaels is out of the running, sources say.
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Comic-Con

Culture
Movie buffs, comic-book collectors, sci-fi fans and nerds and geeks of all stripes have taken over this San Diego for Comic-Con, the city's annual pop culture convention. Now in its 41st year, Comic-Con draws more than 120,000 fans for a four-day event showcasing upcoming movies, TV shows and video games, along with toys, collectibles, costumes and comic books.
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Batman: Under the Red Hood

DVD
No need to wait for Christopher Nolan to finish his next Dark Night film. This animated tale is set to be released on Blu-Ray on Tuesday by Warner Brothers, and sees Batman being stalked by a mysterious man wearing a red hood. **warnerbros.com**
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▶ Mike Sorrentino, A.K.A. "The Situation"

A guide to living Jersey

CELEBRITY
Look's like Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino is adding to his body of work. The Associated Press reports the regular on the MTV reality show Jersey Shore will release a book in November. What will it be about? Yep, tanning salons and protein shakes. Publisher Gotham Books says it's the perfect guide to "living everyday like an episode of Jersey Shore."
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Stephen King, On Writing

Books
His books may be about curses, ghosts and the supernatural, but Stephen King has raked in the literary bucks over the years. In this book — now available in soft cover — the author is sharing his thoughts on the writing process in this memoir on the craft. Its been described as honest and inspirational. **simonandshuster.com**
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Nina Garcia's Look Book

Advice
Not sure what to wear for that special occasion, or just for that trip to the grocery store? Garcia, a Project Runway judge, has compiled a tome — more than 300 pages — outlining a look for every occasion. Not only does she cover budget dressing, but she also offers tips on how fashionistas can break into the industry. **everywomansvoice.com**
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Clean Start

Beauty
Summer can be rough on your skin, so Dermalogica has come up with a Clean Start kit to help keep you looking your best — even in the midst of a melting heat wave. The kit comes with a foaming face wash, purifying toner, exfoliating scrub, an SPF 15 moisturizer and a overnight treatment for any sudden acne breakouts. cleanstart.dermalogica.ca or at Sephora locations.
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Mix of Six

Event

23rd Annual Halifax Pride Parade
Location: Lower Water to Barrington to Spring Garden to South Park Streets. July 24, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Halifax Pride Festival and Concert
Artists include: Summer Osborne, Sugarbeach and the Cliks. July 24, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Garrison Grounds Pride Festival site.

33rd NSDCC Summer Craft Show
Besides shopping for great hand-made items, there will be demonstrations in handcoiling clay, stitching and metalwork to name a few. July 23 & 24, corner of Spring Garden and Queen Streets.

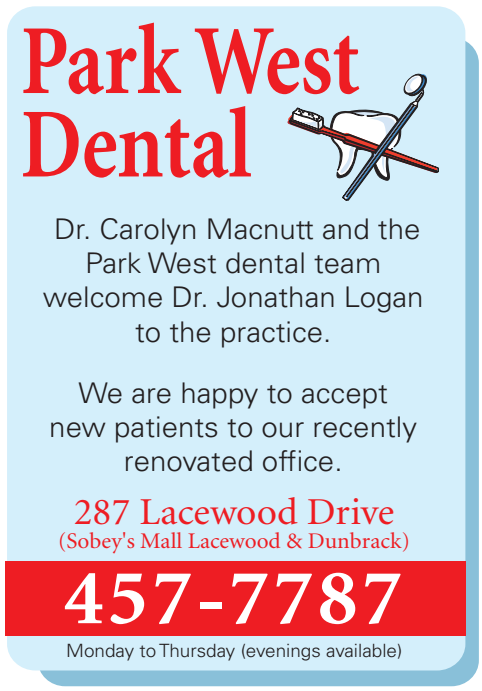
Lunchbox Social
This dance tradition dates back to the 1940s as a way to raise money by auctioning off prepared lunches during the intermission. July 23, 7 p.m., Memory Lane Heritage Village.

The Canadian Carnage Tour featuring Megadeath and Slayer
Rescheduled twice, these bands are about to blow the roof off. Go to ticketatlantic.com for tickets. July 26, 6:40 p.m., Halifax Metro Centre.

Halifax Rocks 2010
Six-time Grammy winners The Black Eyed Peas, plus Weezer, Classified, Hot Hot Heat and Rich Acoin on the Halifax Common. Go to ticketatlantic.com for tickets. July 23.







Online tapes circulating

Gibson is subjected to further ridicule as parody mash-ups, tweets and remixes bombard the web

Since the celebrity website RadarOnline.com gradually released recordings purportedly of Mel Gibson, the tapes have been used for comedy fodder across the Internet, inspiring remixes, mash-ups and an endless stream of tweets.

The recordings reveal grim, ugly arguments between a man who sounds distinctly like Gibson and a woman identified by the site as his ex-girlfriend and mother of his child, Oksana Grigorieva. The anger and ethnic slurs make the tapes difficult to listen to.

Parody, though, has come easier.

"It's the gift that keeps on giving," says Justin Stangel, who, with his brother Eric, is co-head writer and executive producer of Late Show With David Letterman."

"His tapes are so crazy, there's new areas to deal with everyday. It's fantastic. They really should have saved it for sweeps," Stangel said, referring to the period when ad time is priced for TV programming.

Late night shows have put the subject in heavy rotation, none perhaps as much at CBS' Late Show.

Letterman has joked that the biggest problem of Apple's iPhone 4 is that it "only accepts calls from Mel Gibson."

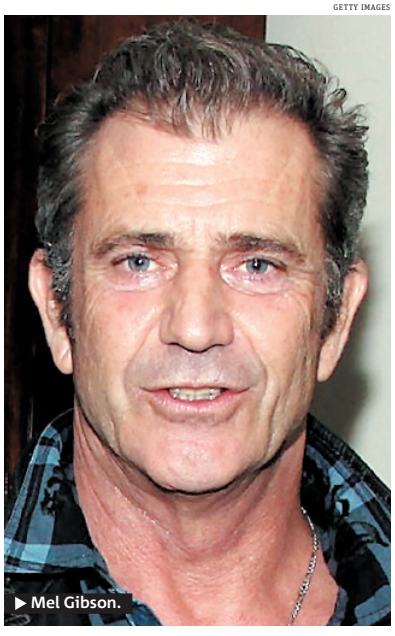
He has claimed the number one excuse for Gibson is that he "wanted to show the Jews I'm an equal-opportunity offender."

And on Tuesday, the show suggested a more positive version of the recordings, where vulgarities were substituted with pleasantries and compliments.

"We always try to focus on: This is A-list celebrity Mel Gibson losing his mind," says Justin Stangel. "It's such a big story that you have to make jokes about it, but you're not going to make jokes about some of the grim things that may or may not have been going on."

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▶ Mel Gibson.

Campbell to testify at Taylor trial



The chief prosecutor of the war crimes tribunal for Sierra Leone says Naomi Campbell will testify next month at Charles Taylor's trial.

Prosecutors want the supermodel to say whether Taylor gave her a rough, or uncut, diamond as a gift in 1997.

The court issued the order forcing Campbell to testify after she avoided prosecutors for a year and made it known she had no wish to be part of the case.

Prosecutor Brenda Hollis said Thursday that Campbell will testify on Aug. 5 instead of July 29 as previously scheduled.

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Pitt & Jolie settle UK newspaper case for undisclosed damages

Couple say News of the World made false allegations

Actors Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have accepted undisclosed damages in London's High Court to settle a privacy claim against a British tabloid that had reported they were planning to split.

The celebrity couple began legal action against the News of the World after it reported in January that they had agreed to separate.

The pair argued the newspaper had made false and intrusive allegations in saying that they had planned to divide assets worth US$320 million and had made arrangements regarding the custody of their six children.

The newspaper confirmed Thursday that a settlement had been reached, but declined to comment further. The couple did not attend the hearing.

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▶ Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

Lohan dad facing assault accusations



ALLEGATIONS Michael Lohan is being accused of assaulting fiancée Kate Major during an argument earlier this week, according to TMZ.

Major reportedly filed a claim with police in Long Island saying he kicked her in the face while she was on the ground.

According to the website, Major documented the injuries with photographs and went directly to the hospital. The alleged fight took place as Lohan was preparing to fly to Los Angeles for the start of daughter Lindsay Lohan's jail sentence.

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Concert postponed

HEALTH A bout of food poisoning has caused the postponement of Elton John's scheduled concert at Tucson Arena. The Arizona Daily Star reports that Wednesday night's show was nearly sold out with about 8,800 tickets purchased. Organizers say the British rocker will perform Thursday night instead.

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Celebrity tweets

Jessica Simpson [@JessicaSimpson] It is official- I'm 30 and found a wrinkle. Damnit!!



Russell Brand [@rustyrockets] Want to be smashed in the undercarriage by a muscley coward? Why not try horse riding.

Conan O'Brien [@ConanOBrien] It's the hottest July on record in New York City, unless you count that summer I wore short shorts.



Paula Abdul [@PaulaAbdul] Just find a quiet spot & take a few deep breaths! You deserve a moment...take it!

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There's nothing wrong with going back to the basics

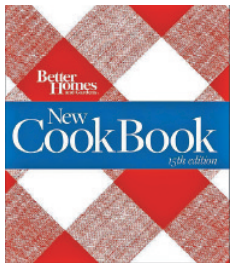
Cookbooks can teach you things you didn't know you needed to know ◗ You should never stop learning

Whether you're woefully inadequate in the kitchen or an accomplished cook looking for new challenges, some not-so-light summer reading will help you recapture the lost kitchen arts.

Start with The Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook, which sounds like the kind of thing new brides were given circa 1950. For years, an earlier edition has been a go-to source for sour cream pound cake, macaroni and cheese, casseroles with condensed soup (yes, really) and other traditional American fare.

The new 15th edition features 1,200 recipes — including more than 750 new ones — that put more emphasis on modern palates and busy lifestyles. A new chapter on convenience cooking offers healthy, economical weeknight meals, while new breakfast options include 10 different smoothies, from peanut butter to pomegranate.

A new "Make-It-Mine" feature suggests jazzing up those fuddy-duddy casseroles with kalamata olives, panko or mostaccioli pasta instead of plain egg noodles. A perfect book for beginners, it's also a handy reference for accomplished cooks.



Darina Allen has been called "the Julia Child of Ireland" and her book Forgotten Skills of Cooking is devoted to helping you master the art of eating from the land.

Chapters on foraging, preserving and dairy guide passionate cooks in reconnecting with the edibles under their noses. She encourages cooks to take on the tasks usually left to others, like harvesting wild greens, smoking fish or turning milk into cheese (or, yes, butter again).

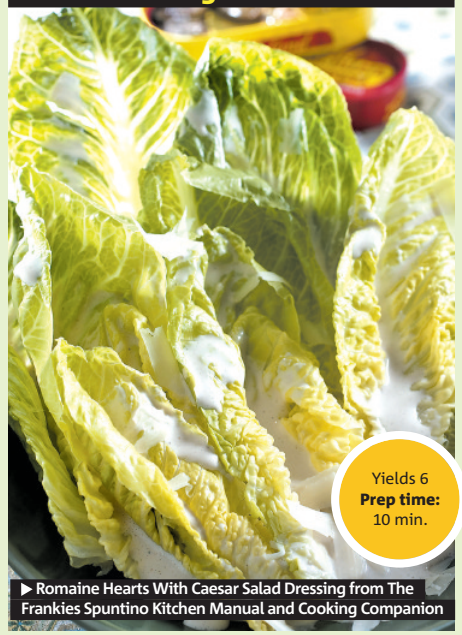
Gorgeous photos mingle with 700 recipes, including elderflower fritters, ketchup and hand-made sausages. Traditional fare like roast chicken stuffed with herb-seasoned bread sidles up alongside pheasant braised with Cork gin or duck gizzards sizzled in duck fat. A useful, beautiful and inspiring book for accomplished cooks who want to take their skills and appreciation further.

The Frankies Spuntino Kitchen Companion and Cooking Manual by Frank Falcinelli, Frank Castronovo and Peter Meehan uses simple Italian fare to reinforce the importance of excellent, basic ingredients and the need to get back in touch with them. Make your own pasta. Like, with your hands. Taste your pasta boiling water to see whether it is salty, rather than relying on measurements. And throw out those jars of sauce; making your own requires only five ingredients.

Written in an easy, conversational style, the book offers an accessible, sensible guide to making fresh, straightforward food. Cook, taste, eat.

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Romaine Hearts With Caesar Salad Dressing



▶ Romaine Hearts With Caesar Salad Dressing from The Frankies Spuntino Kitchen Manual and Cooking Companion

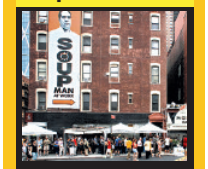
Ingredients :

- 3 romaine hearts
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pecorino Romano, plus more for serving
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) mayonnaise
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) water
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) red wine vinegar
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 anchovy
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot sauce
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground white pepper
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Preparation:

1. Trim root ends of romaine, then wash and dry leaves. Refrigerate until ready for use.
2. In a food processor or blender, combine pecorino with mayonnaise, water, red wine vinegar, garlic, anchovy, Worcestershire, hot sauce and white pepper. Puree until smooth, adding water if needed. Season with salt.
3. In a large serving bowl, toss lettuce with dressing. Top with additional pecorino and season with black pepper.

Soup Man returns



The bisque is back. The soup stand that inspired the Soup Nazi episode on Seinfeld reopened in midtown Manhattan on Tuesday, six years after its famously brusque owner, Al Yeganeh, shut it down and licensed his recipes to a franchising company. More than 100 people were waiting in line for the noon reopening of the tiny storefront, including a few regulars who remembered the days when Yeganeh ladled broth and imposed discipline from behind the cramped counter..

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Find out how many Canadians have food allergies, and what is being done about it.

Creating the taste of tapas at home

Spain's delightful tradition of tapas has crossed the ocean and found a home in North America.

Simply put, tapas are hot or cold appetizers served in bars and restaurants with a glass of wine. And now home cooks can make them too with the release of a new cookbook devoted to the tasty morsels.

"You can spend an entire day languishing and enjoying tapas with beer or wine with friends and family," says Alex Raij, who with her husband Eder Montero is co-owner of two New York restaurants where tapas are served.



Txikito is their Basque restaurant serving cuisine of the Spanish region. Right across the street is El Quinto Pino, a 24-seat bar featuring signature multi-regional Spanish tapas.

Raij, a native of Argentina, and Montero, who is from Spain, contributed recipes to The Book of Tapas by Simone and Ines Ortega (Phaidon, $45, hardcover).

As spokesperson for the publication, which boasts more than 250 recipes and 150 illustrations, Raij is considered one of the foremost tapas chefs on the continent.

"We are very inspired by the regional cuisine of Spain and so many classic dishes are reflected in the tapas we create," she says. "That is what I love about tapas bars because they can make the creators think outside the box."

The book features authentic recipes for famous dishes like gambas al ajillo (garlic shrimp) and patatas bravas (potatoes with spicy sauce).

Spanish ingredients used to make the small bites include Serrano ham, salt cod, chorizo sausage, octopus as well as a selection of vegetables. The list is endless.

"A tapa can pack a lot of flavour," says Raij.

"How the chef combines the ingredients like a pepper, a piece of cheese with ham and the way it is stacked toasted or untoasted will completely change how that little bite tastes in your mouth," says Raij.

One of her favourites is croquettes, which can hold anything from salt cod to ham, potatoes, other vegetables or salmon. These are mixed with a thick white sauce and seasonings and formed into small cylinders, ovals or rounds. They are dipped in beaten egg and then breadcrumbs and deep-fried until crisp and brown.

"I don't think you can have a tapas restaurant without croquettes," says Raij.

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Chorizo Cooked In Wine

Here from the book is a very simple tapas recipe to try at home.

Ingredients:

- **400 g (14 oz) semi-cured cooking chorizo sausage**
- **1 l. (4 cups) dry red or white wine**

1. Slice chorizo into 2-cm (3/4-inch) slices. Heat a heavy pan and add chorizo.
2. Pour in wine to cover, bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until nearly all the wine has evaporated.
3. Serve hot, spearing each slice with a cocktail stick (toothpick).

Italian Panzanella Salad

This classic Tuscan bread-and-tomato salad is traditionally served during the summer months.

4-6 portions
Prep time: 15 min.
Cooking: 3-5 min.

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▶ Italian panzanella salad with bread and tomatoes a traditional hot weather fare.

Ingredients :

- 175 ml (3/4 cup) walnut pieces
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) olive oil, divided
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each sea salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) white balsamic vinegar
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped cherry tomatoes
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) pitted and sliced kalamata olives
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 shallot, minced
- 6 fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced
- 1/2 loaf of leftover day or week-old crusty bread, torn or cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) cubes (1 to 1.25 l/4 to 5 cups)
- Tip: If white balsamic vinegar is not available, substitute regular balsamic vinegar.

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, combine walnuts with 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the olive oil. Heat a small frying pan over medium heat. Add oil-coated walnuts, stirring constantly until golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat, season with salt and pepper and let cool.
2. In a large bowl, combine remaining olive oil, vinegar, tomatoes, olives, onion, garlic, shallot and basil. Mix well and let sit for 5 minutes to develop full flavour.
3. Add bread and walnuts to salad mixture and toss until well combined.
4. Serve immediately.

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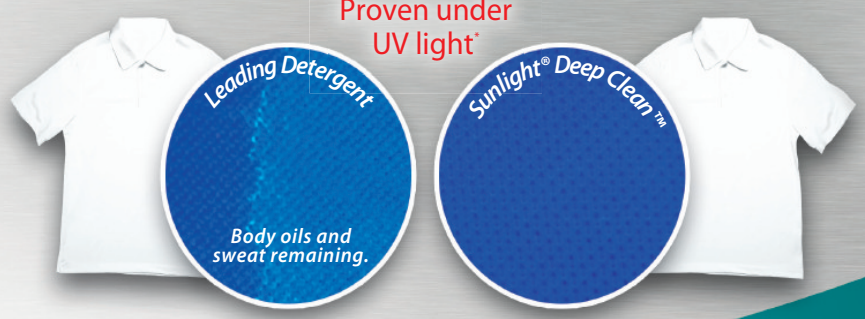
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- Two Halifax players contend for spots on the Bruins' lineup this upcoming season
- One got his break when he replaced an injured player, the other is struggling past his own injuries to secure a place on the team

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▶ Andrew Bodnarchuk of the Boston Bruins skates against the Toronto Maple Leafs April 3, 2010, at the Air Canada Centre.

Bodnarchuk preps for his shot in the big leagues



MATTHEW WUEST
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If Andrew Bodnarchuk cracks the Boston Bruins' lineup in the fall, he will be well ahead of schedule. But it's well within his grasp.

The Hammonds Plains native and former Halifax Mooseheads captain is part of a handful of players in the mix for one of the few openings in the Bruins' deep lineup — the seventh defensive spot.

Bodnarchuk, 22, has just two pro seasons under his belt and was recently re-signed on a one-year, two-way contract worth $577,500 at the NHL level.

"You look at their roster and you pretty well know who their top six (defencemen) are, just by looking at their contracts," Bodnarchuk said. "There are three or four players, neck-and-neck, battling for that (seventh) spot … I'm looking forward to it."

Since finishing his junior career with the Mooseheads in 2007-08, Bodnarchuk has become a steady American Hockey Leaguer with the Providence Bruins.

But late last season, injuries hit the Bruins' blueline and Bodnarchuk was called up to the NHL, appearing in five games, going minus-2 while averaging 7:19 of ice time per game.

"At first, I was jittery and nervous, and it took a few games to really feel like myself."
ANDREW BODNARCHUK ON HIS NHL DEBUT.

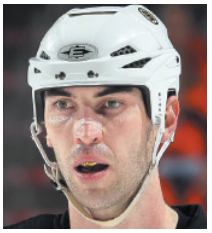
"It was a dream come true," Bodnarchuk said. "It sounds cliché, but there is no other way to put it. It's what I've been striving for ever since I was a little kid playing hockey."

If Bodnarchuk doesn't crack the Bruins' roster, he will spend a third season in Providence and likely get his share of NHL time as an injury call-up.

The five-foot-11, 190-pounder is living in downtown Halifax this summer, training hard with childhood friend and fellow Bruins hopeful Brad Marchand.

"Hopefully, this year is going to be another step toward being a full-time NHLer," he said. "It tends to take a little bit longer for defencemen, especially for a shorter guy. I'm just looking to make more and more strides as the year goes on."

Bruins' bucks



- The Boston Bruins' defence corps, led by former Norris Trophy winner Zdeno Chara, left, is one of the best in the NHL. The club finished second in goals against in 2009-10.
- The Bruins' top six defencemen are entrenched. Each member of the unit earns $1.45 million or more, led by Chara's $7.5 million.

Marchand in a battle for job on the wing

Brad Marchand will be in a similar position to Andrew Bodnarchuk at the Boston Bruins' training camp in September.

The 22-year-old winger from Hammonds Plains is expected to contend for one of the Bruins' final forward spots after appearing in 20 games with the NHL club in 2009-10.

The Bruins have 11 forwards signed to one-way contracts and still need to ink restricted free agent Blake Wheeler. That means as many as two spots could be up for grabs for prospects such as Marchand.

Marchand, who finished his junior career with the Halifax Mooseheads in 2007-08, has one year left on his three-year entry-level contract.

He battled injuries last season but still managed 32 points in 32 games with the American Hockey League's Providence Bruins. METRO HALIFAX



▶ Marchand

In the news

Jimmy Sharrow
Halifax Mooseheads alumnus Jimmy Sharrow has signed with the Berlin Polar Bears of the Deutsche Eishockey Liga.





Olivia Feschuk
Halifax's Olivia Feschuk has won three gold medals in the 14-year-old age group through two days of action at the Canadian age group swimming championships in Winnipeg.

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End in sight



Contador tightens grip on top spot

TOUR DE FRANCE. Defending champion Alberto Contador of Spain virtually secured a third Tour de France title Thursday after staying with yellow-jersey rival Andy Schleck all the way to the top of the legendary Col du Tourmalet in the pivotal 17th stage.

Contador appeared completely at ease as he followed Schleck up the final climb, even moving in front of his rival at one point.

He didn't seem to worry too much about trying to cross the line first.

Contador retained his eight-second lead in the overall standings and looks destined to ride into Paris Sunday for the ceremonial final stage as the winner.

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Conditions less than ideal

FOG. Schleck and Contador braved fog and rain, as well as the flags of supporters hitting them in the face during the climb

French President Nicolas Sarkozy was on the top of the mountain to greet them.

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Schleck knew he needed to pick up time on Contador in the last stage in the Pyrenees but could not break the Spaniard. They completed the 174 kilometres from Pau to the peak of the Col du Tourmalet in five hours three minutes 29 seconds.

Schleck fails to create gap

CLOSE WIN. Schleck won the prestigious stage but Contador crossed the line nearly shoulder to shoulder with him.

Schleck had acknowledged before Thursday's stage that he would need to pick up at least a minute on Contador if he was to have a chance of winning the Tour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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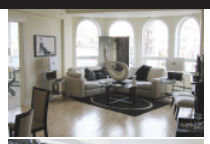
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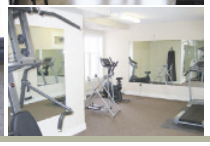
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New Brunswick's shining new state-of-the-art track and field facility is a revelation to a city, a region and, for that matter, all of Canadian sport. The Moncton 2010 Stadium is hosting the IAAF World Junior Track and Field Championships and proving the future belongs to those who believe in themselves.

There has been little bickering about the building of this track in this unlikely place and not much quibbling about the investment of $20 million in young Canadians.

It's a different story than that which exists in some of the country's more populous locales.

"This is all about a desire to be a part of the action and to ensure that this place and these people have the same opportunities as the rest of the country."

This is all about a desire to be a part of the action and to ensure this place and these people have the same opportunities as the rest of the country. It's working.

Thousands have come to see the world's best track and field gods and goddesses, 19 years of age and younger.

The future stars have responded in kind. Terrific performances have been turned in by Jamaican sprint savant Dexter Lee and his female counterpart, 16-year-old Jodie Williams of Britain.

A Canadian long jumper, Tyler Stewart of London, Ont., has produced a bronze medal, Canada's first at this level since the 2006 championships in Beijing. With a brilliant smile, Stewart hit the perfect chord in his post-race interview.

"It's just an honour to compete in Moncton and in Canada," Stewart beamed.

"This is the best place to win a medal — at home."

Note that Stewart said at home.

The opportunity that Moncton is offering to Canadian athletes has been working magic in other countries for centuries. It's the chance to flourish in your own backyard.

Decathlete Jared Heldman of Langley, B.C., scored 10 out of 10 personal bests in the biggest competition of his life.

"I learned I love the decathlon," Heldman said when it was over. "Now I want to win a gold medal at the Pan American Games."

Lamine Diack, the president of the IAAF, subscribes to what's happening here.

"Our task is to find and develop stars in every country," he said. "They will not just fall from the moon."

No they won't.

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▶ Dexter Lee wins the 100 metres on Wednesday.

Moncton native thrills hometown fans

Racing in front of a cheering hometown crowd, Genevieve Lalonde put in a record-setting performance Thursday at the IAAF world junior track and field championships.

The Moncton native finished sixth in the women's 3,000-metre steeplechase in a time of nine minutes 57.74 seconds. That topped her own national junior mark of 10:03.88 set in the heats Tuesday and set a new regional junior record for the Americas.

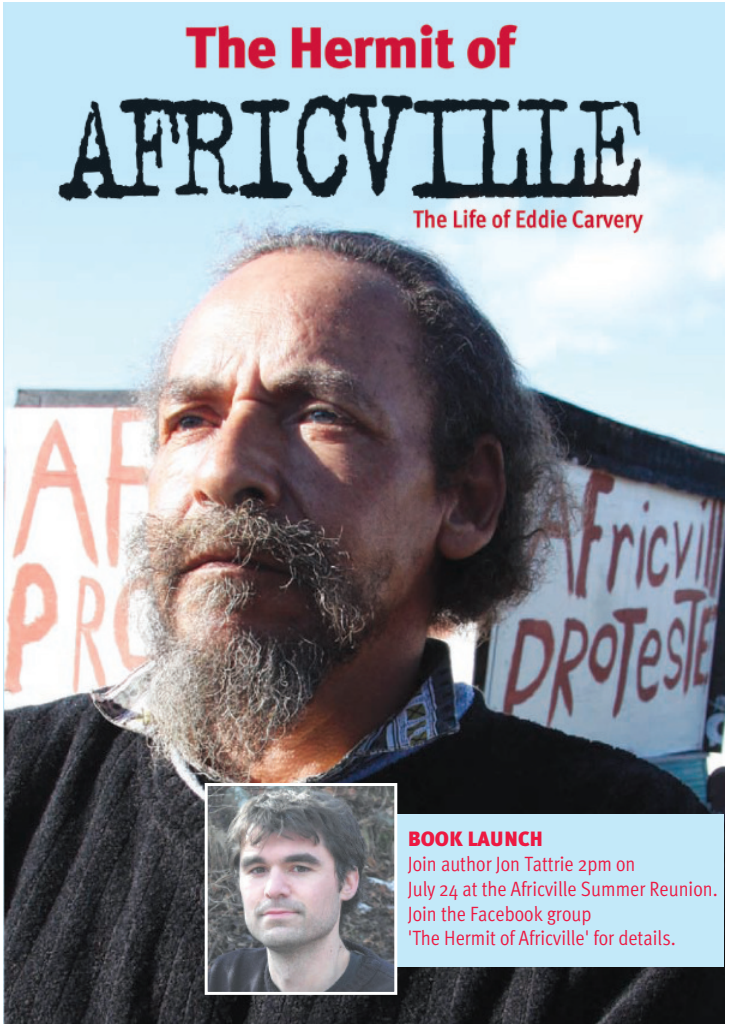
"I'm here in my hometown, I've dreamt about this day and it's here. It's an incredible feeling," Lalonde said.

Purity Cherotich Kirui of Kenya took the gold with a time of 9:36.34, but Lalonde received the loudest standing ovation of the evening.

"You don't get a chance to live this a lot and it's pretty crazy," said Lalonde.

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Record start for Open

American golfer Brent Delahoussaye shoots a 62 for course's best ever competitive round

The players figured their long-awaited return to St. George's Golf and Country Club would be a painful experience. And then the RBC Canadian Open started.

Unheralded American Brent Delahoussaye led the charge on a birdie-filled Thursday, shooting a record-setting 62 to grab a two-shot lead over Vance Veazey and Brock Mackenzie.

Some predicted 8 under would be good enough to win the tournament on a tree-lined course with thick rough and undulating greens. It ended up being the number beside the name of the first-round leader.

"To be honest, I woke up this morning and looked at the scores and I was like, 'Wow, I did not see that many low scores out there in the practice round,'" said Delahoussaye. "I am shocked. I mean, I knew I was playing well, and I didn't even really know how many under I was at one point.

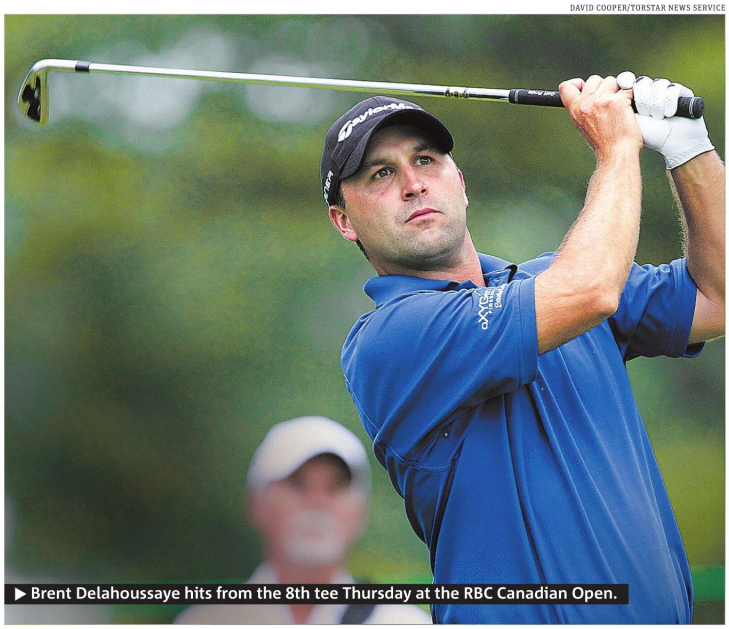
"So I just kind of kept going and kept trying to make birdies."

Delahoussaye equalled the best score ever shot at golf's third oldest national championship and set a new competitive course record at Toronto's St. George's.

The 28-year-old is a tour rookie whose only professional victory came at the 2006 Hooters Tour Classic. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Number of players who finished at par or better on the first day of the Canadian Open.

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▶ Brent Delahoussaye hits from the 8th tee Thursday at the RBC Canadian Open.

Ames, Mills are leading Canadians

It seems time away from the golf course has done Stephen Ames some good.

The Calgary resident fired a 3-under 67 to tie Oshawa native Jon Mills as the low Canadian Thursday at the $5.1-million US RBC Canadian Open.

The pair sit tied for 24th and are chasing little-known Brent Delahoussaye, who opened with a course-record 8-under 62 at St. George's Golf and Country Club.

Ames, who hasn't played competitively since missing the cut at the U.S. Open in June, said the break paid some early dividends.

"I'm happy with the way things have started," said Ames, who fired a bogey-free round. "I wasn't comfortable with certain things. I think that was my goal ... to try and get as comfortable as I could over the golf ball before I actually pulled the trigger, and I think I accomplished my goal."

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., struggled to a 2-over 72. Weir, who pulled out of Wednesday's pro-am with tendinitis in his right arm, refused to blame his play on the injury.

"I don't want to use an excuse like that. Just didn't play well," said Weir.

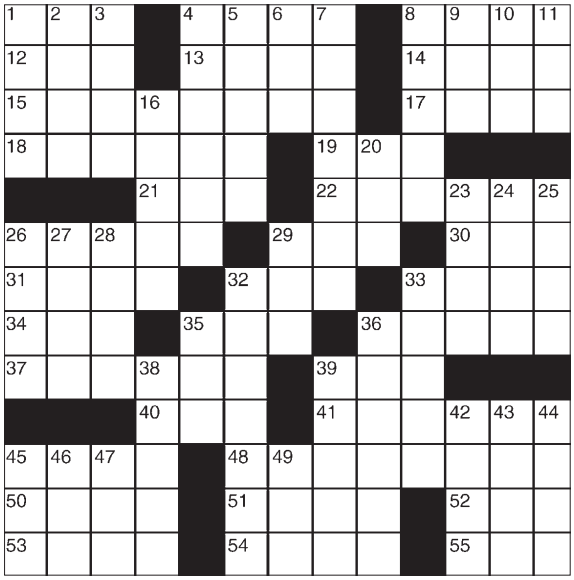
"(It's a) tough golf course. If you hit it in the rough, it's tough around the greens. Rough around the greens is very unpredictable." THE CANADIAN PRESS







Crossword



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12 Automaton, for short
13 Duel tool
14 Somewhere out there
15 Cranium
17 Impale
18 Walked proudly
19 Dine on
21 Marry
22 Skillet
26 Wanderer
29 Actor Carrey
30 Versifier's praise
31 Panache
32 Director's cry
33 Not busy
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24 Huge fusses
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26 Tidy
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28 Bamako's country
29 Moonshine vessel
32 Hors d'oeuvres
33 Bake eggs
35 Kids' card game
36 "Bonanza" star
38 Cobbler variety
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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 19 You may have been a bit too generous of late and need to rein in your more extravagant tendencies, at least for a while. Will those who benefited from your largesse help you in your hour of need? Don't count on it.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 Feelings of self-doubt are perfectly natural, but don't let them get out of hand. The current negative phase will pass quickly and come the weekend you will be on top of the world again.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If there is a secret you don't want the world to know about you will have a hard time keeping it under wraps today. Maybe you should own up to it.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Today it might be an idea not to take too much for granted. Work plans could be subject to sudden disruptions, especially if you have trusted others to take care of the details.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Tread carefully and don't agree to anything that you are not entirely certain is safe and secure. That applies to financial matters, of course, but also to affairs of the heart.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may feel helpless and believe that you are no longer in control of your fate but it isn't true. Whatever caused this feeling it is unlikely to last more than a few hours, so cheer up.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't let anyone talk you into taking on extra work today. You have more than enough to be getting on with as it is and any more will put you under intolerable pressure.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You cannot possibly keep up the pace you have been moving at these past few weeks. Your mind and your body will send you warnings that you must not ignore. Slow down.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Try to see everything that happens today and over the weekend from a wider and higher perspective. Little things may be annoying but don't sweat the small stuff.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If there is something you need the world to know about, speak up right away. If you leave it even a few hours longer you will lose your nerve and the opportunity will pass.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Indulge yourself today if you must but don't think that you can go on spending time and money as if they will never run out. Every so often you need to rein in your enthusiasm.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Don't worry that if you don't take a risk you might miss out — worry that if you do take a risk you might make a major loss. This is not a time to be reckless.

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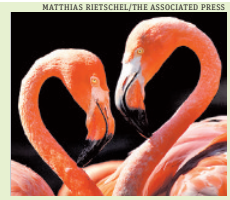
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